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CASUALTY MESSAGE

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TAGS: CDES (LEE, JOSEPH LEWIS JR.)
SUBJ: DEATH OF JOSEPH LEWIS LEE, JR.

TO: MRS. DORA E. LEE
1631 CHESTNUT ST.
HELENA, MONTANA 59601

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF JOSEPH LEWIS LEE, JR. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA WAS FIRST INFORMED ON APRIL 14, 1978 BY MR. LEE'S EMPLOYER OF HIS DEATH THAT SAME MORNING IN ASSAB, ETHIOPIA. THE INFORMATION HAS SINCE BEEN CONFIRMED BY ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES IN ASSAB.

2. WE ARE INFORMED THAT MR. LEE BECAME ILL IN A BAR WHERE HE WAS PASSING THE NIGHT AND THAT HE DIED AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 A.M. LOCAL TIME THIS MORNING (APRIL 14). THE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH. THERE ARE NO FACILITIES IN ASSAB FOR POST-MORTEM EXAMINATIONS, BUT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ASSAB HOSPITAL WHERE HIS BODY WAS TAKEN STATES THAT THEIR PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION INDICATES DEATH WAS PROBABLY FROM NATURAL CAUSES.

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3. AN AUTOPSY CAN BE PERFORMED ONLY IN ADDIS ABABA. SHOULD YOU DESIRE THAT BE DONE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HIRE A CHARTER AIRPLANE FROM ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES TO TRANSPORT THE REMAINS FROM ASSAB TO ADDIS ABABA AT A COST OF US\$743.00.

4. THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF MR. LEE'S PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

5. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. THE DIRECTOR OF ASSAB HOSPITAL MUST BE INFORMED BY NOON TOMORROW (2:00 A.. APRIL 15 YOUR TIME) WHAT ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN. PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS ARE ESTIMATED TO COST US\$3,850.00. LOCAL BURIAL IS ESTIMATED TO COST US\$700.00 CREMATION REQUIRES APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY IN EACH INSTANCE AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE AUTHORIZED. IF IT IS POSSIBLE, WE ESTIMATE COSTS FOR CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS AT US\$2,610.00. THE COST FOR CREMATION AND LOCAL SCATTERING OF ASHES IS APPROXIMATELY US\$350.00. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL THESE COSTS ARE ESTIMATES.

6. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. TELEGRAPH OR TELEPHONE INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA. STATE WHETHER THE REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING SENT AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT IS DESIRED.

B. TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY TO DIRECTOR, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520. INCLUDE IN THE MESSAGE THE NAME OF UNCLASSIFIED

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DECEASED. TELEGRAPHIC MONEY ORDER SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO DEPT OF STATE.

C. IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

7. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS EMBASSY BY PHONING 11-06-66 IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, THE CONSULAR OFFICER, MR. JENNINGS, CAN BE REACHED AT HOME TELEPHONE 44/08-62, AGAIN IN ADDIS ABABA.

9. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMERICAN EMBASSY

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

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